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Title : MECHANOSENSITIVE
 : MAMMALIAN POTASSIUM
 : CHANNELS ACTIVATABLE
 : BY POLYUNSATURATED
 : FATTY ACIDS AND THE USE
 : OF SAID CHANNELS IN
 : DRUG SCREENING

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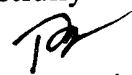
Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated December 17, 2001.

We acknowledge the restriction of the Application into Group I, including Claims 1 - 4 and 43; Group II, including Claims 5 - 6 and 44 - 45; Group III, including Claims 7 - 30 and 46 - 51; Group IV, including Claims 31 - 38; Group V, including Claims 39 and 41; and Group VI, including Claims 40 and 42.

We hereby elect Group IV, including Claims 31 - 38, without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,


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